

FAQs:

What is a Destination Course?

For our purposes this is a first of its kind experience; the first Wood Badge at Massawepie and the first week long course - it's truly going to feel like Wood Badge Summer Camp! The destination refers not only to the geography of where you are going but the journey that you will take.

When can we arrive? What is the expected closing time?

On Sunday 20th August, your Wood Badge Staff will have been preparing all day for your arrival. We've got a lot in store for you after we check you in and it all depends on you arriving **no earlier than 6:00pm and no later than 6:15PM on Sunday**; you don't want to miss your boat/train/sherpa. Course will finish by 6pm on Friday 25th August; please feel free to stay with us Friday night so you can travel refreshed on the Saturday.

What's the expected weather for late Aug. in Massawepie?

Warm days, cool nights. There have been times where it has dipped down into the low 50s and high 40's in camp. By this time of year the bug situation has also calmed down.

How do you get there? Airports close by?

From Route 90, at Syracuse exit, take 81 north to 3 East/North through Watertown, continuing East on 3 to Chilwold. Rochester Airport is about a 5 hour drive from Massawepie.

Syracuse Airport is closer and about 3 hrs 45 minutes from Massawepie. Adirondack Regional Airport is local to our location.

International Airports include Toronto, Buffalo.

What do we bring?

A list of gear needed will be supplied prior to the start of the course to give you plenty of planning time.

Cooking gear is supplied. All food for meals will be supplied. Participants should indicate special dietary needs, and course quartermasters will accommodate.

How do I check Massawepie Weather?

Tupper Lake, NY and Saranac Lake, NY and Star Lake, NY will get you in the proximity of Camp, and will do well to give you an indication of the local weather.

What are the physical requirements for the course?

The course schedule is carefully timed with scheduled breaks; walking a few hundred yards, a few times a day, is required. Leaving the camp property during course is discouraged, unless necessary. The waterfront will be closed for use.

Do you have accommodations for electric (CPAP, other)?

There are areas in the camp where we can route extension cords and service CPAP needs. Please note this requirement on your participant questionnaire prior to the course.

Are there showers, running water?

There are showers, and running water in several areas in the camp, that will be up and running with hot water. Also, there are laundry machines available. A mixture of latrines and flushing toilets populate the camp.

How close is civilization? Nearest town?

Nearest town where there are stores, groceries, is Tupper Lake to the camp's East, about 6 miles on Route 3.

What are the sleeping accommodations for the week?

When participants arrive, there will be canvas platform tents up with cots, or participants can opt to use their tents in designated areas.

Can you accommodate special dietary needs?

Of course - just let us know on the participant questionnaire prior to the course starting.

What is the nearest Medical facility nearby?

Tupper Lake Health Center is 6 miles East of Camp. Adirondack Medical Center is another ~30 miles East of that in Lake Placid on Route 86. Clifton-Fine Hospital is about 30 minutes West of Camp on Route 3 in Cranberry Lake.

Medical forms needed?

Scout Medical Forms A, B and C all needed by participant orientation date.

Drug store / Pharmacy nearby?

Tupper Lake has three: Kinney Drugs, Rodney Bashant

Is there wildlife in the area to worry about?

Of course there is, and they will find any food that you bring. Please DO NOT bring food with you. Do not plan to store any food in your tent. Animals will find a way in. If you have specific dietary needs or requirements, please document these in the participant questionnaire.

How is the cell phone reception?

It has been improving over the years. There are spots in camp where there is decent reception and there are spots where it is near zero; this will depend on your carrier. For example, Verizon works well around camp.

Is there internet/WIFI available?

There will be a local bubble of WIFI available and dedicated for course work. It is limited, but adequate provided the participants and staff limit its use as intended.



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